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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SAGE HUMPHRIES, GINA MENICHINO,  
ROSEMARIE DeANGELO, DANIELLE  
GUTIERREZ, JANE DOE 1,  
and JANE DOE 2

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MITCHELL TAYLOR BUTTON and  
DUSTY BUTTON,

Defendants.

Case Number: 2:21-cv-01412-ART-EJY

**DECLARATION OF SAGE  
HUMPHRIES IN SUPPORT  
OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

1 I, Sage Humphries, declare as follows:

2 1. I am Sage Humphries, a Plaintiff in the above-captioned action.

3 2. Defendants have filed a defamation counterclaim against me for the following  
4 statements:

5 They had complete control over me. If I wanted to do anything, I had to ask them  
6 first.

7 They had control over my phone and passwords to my Instagram, my email.

8 One day it was just us hanging out and the next I had no control over the  
9 activities that I did, even if it was just doing laundry or going to the grocery  
10 store.

11 By the time that it got really bad I was completely trapped.

12 I had a friend ask me if I was okay, and I was hyper-defensive because I was told  
13 by my abusers to shut down any criticism of them.

14 This was calculated. These people are predators. This is a pattern.

15 Their friendship began in the studio. Then Dusty invited Sage to come to her  
16 apartment. The walls were painted black. In one room, a collection of guns was  
17 displayed. That's when Sage met Taylor.

18 Later, when he offered to manage her social media, it made sense to say yes.

19 Taylor got the passwords to Sage's phone, email and accounts. That's when he  
20 started monitoring her communication. Infiltrating everything.

21 Now it's interesting to me how the most evil people hid in plain sight, where no  
22 one would suspect.

23 [Taylor] suggested that we all watch a movie together. [The Buttons] thought  
24 we should all have one big group sleepover and bring the mattress out into the  
25 living room. I thought again that that was uncomfortable, so we just hung out  
26 we watched a movie and Dusty had fallen asleep. I was falling asleep and when  
27 I was falling asleep that was the first time that [Mitchell] violated me. And, you  
28 think that you're going to know to scream or to get up or to make a loud noise  
or do anything to stop it from happening, but I just froze and my body just  
tightened and I just waited for it to be over.

When they were all back in Boston, the couple barged in on her while she was  
showering and told her she was now their girlfriend. It was not posed as a  
question.

the pair had sex with Sage whenever they wanted, with[out] her consent.

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1 ...she had grabbed someone's phone to message Taylor via Snapchat, who,  
2 along with Dusty, was in Australia. According to the lawsuit, Taylor responded  
3 that he wanted to throw Sage in his van, tie her hands and feet, blindfold her,  
4 rent a warehouse, hang her from the ceiling, rape her, and leave her to die.

5 3. These statements are true.

6 4. I subjectively believe these statements are true.

7 5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I did not provide any information to  
8 reporters beyond information that was already accessible in my complaint against Defendants.

9 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
10 knowledge and belief.

Dated: January 6, 2025

11 /s/ Sage Humphries  
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